

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A content reproduction apparatus uses a storage device to store a large amount of content data in encrypted fashion as well as a corresponding encryption key. When a medium is inserted and is capable of proving that a copyright fee is paid for given content data, the storage device may store this content data in unreproducible fashion. In this case, the encryption key stored in the storage device is used to decrypt the content data. When payment of the copyright fee is not proved, the content data is assumed to be unreproducible.